



The Exodus: Living Water from God's Rock

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LESSON SUPPLY LIST

- Bible w/ Marked Scriptures
- Cups of Water
- Gold Fish Crackers
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Safety Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Brown Paper Bags
- Blue Tissue Paper
- Copies of Diorama Figures
- Copies of Coloring Page
- Copies of Word Puzzles
- Copies of lesson overview

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Lesson Instructions:

1. Give the children some goldfish crackers to eat. Ask them how the crackers make their mouths feel. (Thirsty)
2. Ask them if they would like some water.

3. Give them a rock. Discuss with them how this rock doesn't quench their thirst.
It's just a rock.
4. Tell them, "But God," can make all things possible. (Matthew 19:26)
5. Give them water and talk about how it takes care of what they need.
6. In the Bible it tells us about a group of people called the Children of Israel traveling through the wilderness, which was a desert. Discuss conditions in a desert. They came to camp in Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink. They were very desperate, and thought they were going to die. They knew that if there was no water, there was no life. Their hope was gone.
7. The Lord God had always shown these Children of Israel many mercies. God had always provided for them. Now that they needed water, do you think He would provide that too?
8. If time allows, briefly describe to them all of the great mercies that the Lord had shown them up to this point and how they had complained each time.
 - a. They were enslaved in Egypt, and God gave them freedom from slavery in Egypt.
 - b. They had no way of knowing where to go in the wilderness, and God provided them a cloud by day and pillar of fire by night for them to follow.
 - c. The Children of Israel came to a deep body of water called the Red Sea. Their enemy was behind them and they feared they would be caught, but God parted the waters and provided for them dry land to cross on and led them to safety.
 - d. Water at Marah.
 - e. The Children of Israel had nothing to eat in the wilderness and God sent them a bird called "quail" to eat and bread called "manna," to nourish them.
9. When the Children of Israel did not have any water to drink, ask, "What do you think they did THIS time?" They COMPLAINED AGAIN. They were so angry they wanted to stone Moses (kill him). All those mercies the Lord God had provided for them, they already had forgotten that the Lord had shown kindness unto them. They only looked at what was happening to them RIGHT NOW.
10. When the Children of Israel became angry and rose up against Moses, Moses CRIED TO GOD. Moses knew that God was THE ONLY ONE who could save them.
11. Ask, "What do you think the Lord did THIS time?" "Do you think he provided the water they needed?" Yes, God was merciful AGAIN. The only thing greater than man's sin is GOD'S GRACE.
12. God told Moses to take his staff and smite (hit) THE ROCK. He did not tell him to smite ANY rock, but only the Rock that He ordained (chose), the rock at Horeb. He told Moses that when he smote the rock with his staff, water would flow out so His people could drink.

13. Moses did as the Lord instructed and His people drank the water.
14. Remind the students that these Bible stories are given to teach us about our Lord Jesus Christ.
15. We are like the Children of Israel. We are sinners. The Children of Israel had no hope, because they could do nothing to produce water. We have no hope, because there is nothing we can do to save ourselves - to produce a righteousness (to be accepted of God).
16. All of God's people have a rock, not just any rock, but the Rock that God ordained. That Rock is the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 10:14) The rock of Horeb looked like any rock on the outside, but the inside was what they needed to live. Our Lord looked like a man on the outside, but He is God. He is the One Who is Able to give us all that we need to have everlasting life. Just like that rock at Horeb, living waters flow from Jesus Christ, which gives His children eternal life.
17. The rock at Horeb was not able to produce water because the people believed. The rock produced water because God made it so, and when His people saw with their own eyes the water springing forth from the rock, they believed!
18. This story is a picture of how Christ Jesus saves His people from their sin. Our Lord Jesus Christ does not supply living water (salvation) to His people BECAUSE they believe on Him. Christ provides salvation for His people because God made it so. When His people see their salvation springing forth from their Savior, then they believe and fall completely in love with Him.
19. What did God say must happen in order for the Children of Israel to have water? The rock must be smitten. The Lord told Moses to smite the rock for the life giving water to flow out. Just like that rock, Our Lord Jesus Christ was smitten. He was crucified on the cross so that his blood flowed forth like living waters, for the salvation of His people. (Isaiah 53:4-5)
20. The rock followed them all through the wilderness. There was an abundant supply of living water. That Rock gave them all the living water they needed for them to live all their days.
21. Just like the Children of Israel, we are walking through a wilderness too. Being lost in the wilderness is a picture of our sin. Our Lord Jesus Christ leads us out of our wilderness of sin and supplies all our needs for eternal life. When His children see His gift of mercy and salvation, their eyes are opened and they fall in love with the Savior.
22. Christ (our Rock) is our supply of living water, the water we need for our own wilderness of sin and despair. If you are thirsty and in need of salvation from your sin, come to Christ Jesus, the Son of God, and drink. He will quench your thirst.

Activity:

- Make a diorama with the listed materials (see example), including printable Moses and cactus provided in this lesson plan.



- Note: Could make it in a shoebox rather than the flat paper.
- Cut out and glue on cactus to picture the wilderness (Could also use pipe cleaners as pictured to form landscape)
- Cut the brown paper into the shape of a rock.
- Crumple the brown paper into a ball to represent the rock.
- Glue it on the desert scene.
- Paint cracks on the rock with brown water colors or use brown crayon.
- Have the students glue blue tissue paper coming from the rock to picture the water flowing. (Can also use blue saran wrap instead of tissue paper).
- Glue the Moses standing by the Rock with his staff.

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Take Home Overview Sheet



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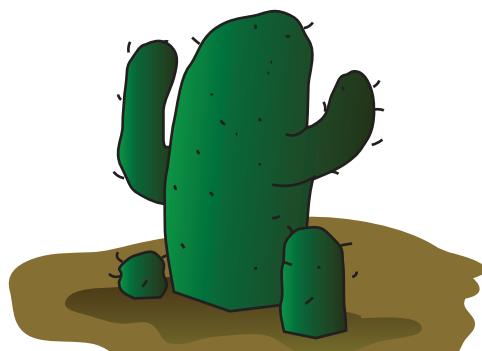
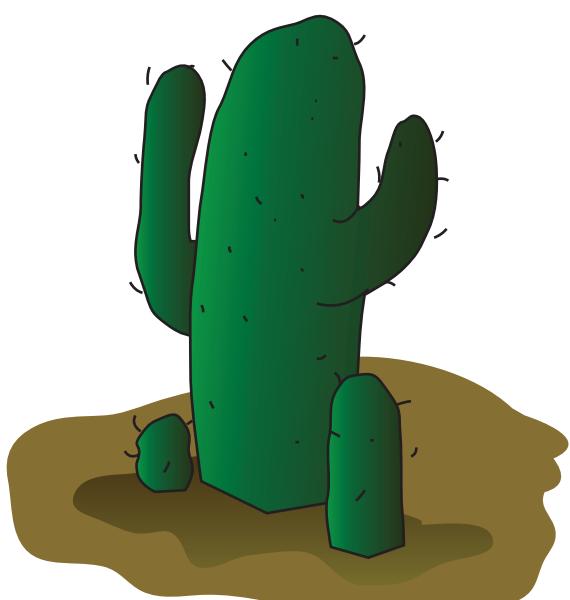
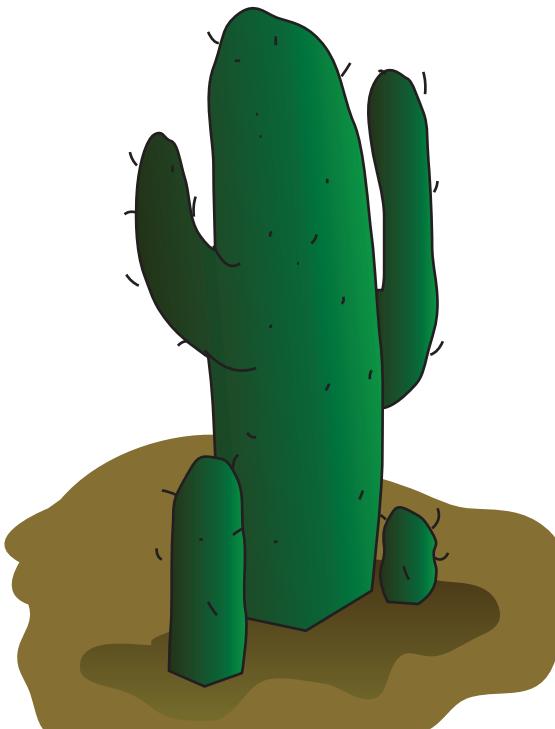
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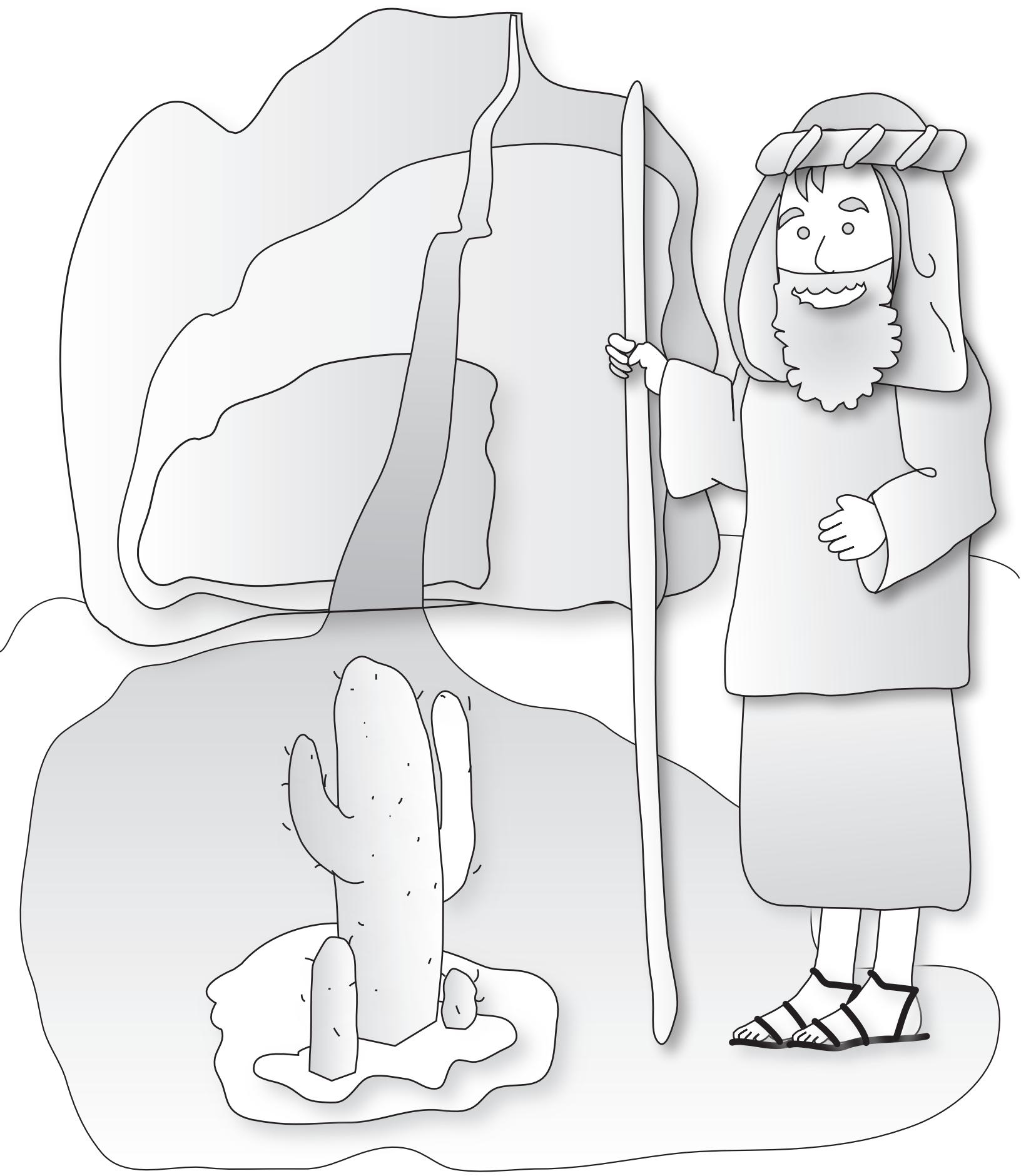
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